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G.O. No. 2291

Dated 14-8-43

[Despatch Abstract.]

War- ARP- Scheme for the disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids — Mangalore town — Approved Subject to remarks.

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Civil Defence Department

From (Name) D.A. Scollick Esq.,

Designation Director of Civil Defence,

Station Madras.

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To

The Chief Secretary to Governmen
Public (Civil Defence) Dept.
Madras.

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Enclosures:

Roc. No. 258/AS/43 dated 8th July 1943

Sir,

Sub:- War - A.R.P. - Scheme for the disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids - Mangalore.

Ref:- Public (C.D.) Dept. Memo. No.43080/42-9 dated 3rd May 1943.

Forwarded with the following remarks:-

Burial grounds:- Trenches to hold 50 corpses may be dug and kept ready in advance in each of the burial grounds as the scheme is based on the assumption that a maximum of 100 corpses may have to be disposed off in an air raid. After first and subsequent raids grave diggers may be employed and paid at current rates.

Mortuary:- The provision of Rs. 2600/- as the estimated cost of two mortuaries and that of Rs.1000/- for two office sheds is excessive. Temporary thatched sheds at a comparatively less cost will serve the purpose.

Police Officers for Burial grounds:- Since there will be a shortage of Sub-Inspectors in an emergency it would be preferable to earmark a Head Constable for promotion if and when the scheme is put into operation and steps taken to

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train him in the duties in the meantime.

Medical Officers are not necessary to be posted at the mortuaries. Pettol Pettol supplied from this office will suffice and the provision of Rs.150/- in the estimate of cost is not necessary.

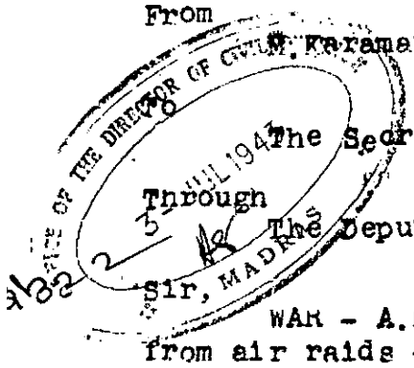
for Director of Civil Defence.

A.P.S.

Ref. C.No. 2834-42-C1. R-258/AP/43. South Kanara Dt. Magistrate's Office, Mangalore, dated 29th June 1943.

From

M. Karamatullah, Esq., I.C.S.
Dt. Magistrate of S. Kanara.



To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Public (Civil Defence) Department.

Through

The Deputy Inspector General, Civil Defence,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

WAR - A.R.P. - Scheme for the disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids - Mangalore Area - Revised Draft Scheme - Submitted.

Ref: (1) G.O.No. 2548, Public (Civil Defence) dated 20-8-42 communicated with Government Memo. No. 43080/42-2 dated 29-8-42.

(2) C.No. 101/C.D.Genl/42 dated 23-11-42 from the Dy. Inspector General, C.D., Madras.

A Draft Scheme for the Disposal of the Dead in Mangalore Area revised according to the suggestions of the Dy. Inspector General, C.D., Madras, is enclosed.

2. In this connection I have to state that the A.R.P. Area Committee, Mangalore has decided that it is necessary to have four trenches for 100 persons in the Bizei Burial Ground for casualties that may occur in the northern portion of the town and four trenches for 100 persons at Nandigudda Burial Ground for those that may occur in the Central and the Southern portions of the town. Except for the above modification the suggestions of the Dy. Inspector General, C.D., Madras have been approved and incorporated in the present Draft Scheme.

For Dt. Magistrate.

D R A F T S C H E M E.

Scheme for the disposal of the dead in Mangalore Municipality: The town is 5.25 sq. miles in extent and has a population of 81,000 as per 1941 census. The scheme is based on the assumption that a maximum of 100 corpses may have to be disposed off in an air raid.

2. Control and staff: The Municipal Health Officer will control the organisation for the disposal of the dead. One of the Sanitary Inspect will be in charge of the lorries, maintain records, accounts and stock and generally assist the Municipal Health Officer in carrying out the duties assigned to him.

3. Transport of corpses: The two Municipal lorries will be kept in the temporary sheds attached to the Municipal Health Office.

4. Motor Vehicle and staff: Reckoning on eight hours shift of duty three drivers and three cleaners will be required for each of the two lorries. There should also be at least four coolies for each shift. is therefore desirable that six drivers, six cleaners and 24 coolies b recruited from the existing Municipal staff. Each driver may be paid Rs.4/- per day and each cleaner and Cooly Rs.2/- per day in addition to salary. They will be paid for the days on which they are on actual service, from the A.R.P. allotments.

5. Uniform: Fifty armlets may be supplied.

6. Burial grounds: For burial and cremation of the bodies, the available grounds now in use in the town in different localities shou be considered ample.

Bodies identified and claimed in six hours will be permitted t be buried or cremated by the claimants according to existing customs. Those not claimed will be buried in trenches which will be dug and kept ready.

Four trenches will be kept ready for the first emergency for 100 persons in the Bizei burial ground for casualties that may occur in the northern portion of the town, and four trenches for 100 persons at Nandigudda Burial Ground for those that occur in the central and southern portion of the town.

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7. Mortuary: Two mortuaries centrally situated each with an Office shed attached, one at Bizei burial ground and the other at Nandigudda burial ground should be constructed. The mortuaries may be of the size required to hold 25 corpses at a time.

8. Police officers for Burial Grounds: One Sub Inspector of Police will have to be posted for duty at each mortuary indicated above. In all therefore two Sub Inspectors of Police are required to be on duty at the mortuary, to take charge of unclaimed property and to send such property to the District Magistrate without delay and to deal with any cases of suspicious death. He should maintain a register of unclaimed properties.

9. Medical Officers: At each of the two mortuaries one medical officer will be stationed on duty for identification of causes of death, etc. As there are no allopathic medical officers in Municipal Service, they may be selected from local private practitioners and their emoluments may be fixed at Rs.10/- per day they are on duty or part thereof. A panel of names will be kept ready. Dead bodies should not be kept at the mortuary for more than six hours for the purpose of identification. The Medical Officers should maintain a register each showing the number of bodies received for disposal in Form B.

10. Operational Head Quarters: The office of the Municipal Health Officer will be the Operational Head Quarters of the Corpse Disposal Organization and the telephone number will be 8.

11. Operation: On the sirens sounding the "all clear" (raiders passed), all personnel, drivers, cleaners, and lorry coolies detailed for duty will immediately proceed to the operational head quarters and await further orders. The Sub Inspectors and the Medical Officers attached to the burial ground mortuaries should ascertain from operational head quarter (telephone No.8) whether they are required to report to mortuary. If required to do so, they should proceed at once to their respective mortuaries. The Municipal Health Officer will be in charge of all Corpse Disposal Staff.

Orders for the despatch of the Corpse's Disposal Staff to any particular incident will be received from the officers in charge of the A.R.P. report centre, who will issue orders from their report centre.

On receipt of such orders the lorry Inspector in charge will despatch the required parties to the scene of the incident indicated in the report centre's message.

All such messages received from the report centres will be entered in a register in form D.

12. Messengers: Two messengers will be required for the operational head quarters to take messages in the event of telephone breaking down. One cycle should be provided.

13. Duty Roster: The Municipal Health Officer will maintain the same at his office.

14. Masks: A sufficient quantity (50) of a simple type of mask should be kept ready at the Corpse Disposal Head Quarters for issue to the personnel proceeding out on duty in connection with the disposal of corpses.

15. Dettol: A sufficient stock of Dettol or suitable equivalent should be kept in hand at the corpse disposal Head Quarters for use on the masks.

16. Equipment.: Six crowbars, six mamooties and four wooden stretchers will be supplied and kept in the Municipal Health Officer's Office.

17. Register of articles issued: The Municipal Health Officer will keep the same.

18. The budget estimate of the probable expenditure for disposal of the dead in case of air raids in Mangalore is hereto appended for sanction.

For Dt.Magistrate.

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Budget Estimate in case of air raids for 30 days in six months.

	Particulars of expenditure.	Estimated cost. Rs.	A.	P.
A.				
	Non Recurring:			
1.	Estimated cost for 2 mortuaries.	2600	0	0
2.	Estimated cost for 2 Office sheds	1000	0	0
3.	Four Wooden stretchers.	60	0	0
B.				
	Medicines & Sundries:			
1	Dettol 10 gallons.	150	0	0
	100 Masks to be supplied by A.R.P.			
C.				
	Stationery.	25-	0	0
D.				
	Implements:			
1.	Spades 24.	280	0	0
2.	Petromax Lights 4 for each burial ground.	240	0	0
	Petrol 180 gallons) For the use	405	0	0
	Mobil Oil 4 gallons) or lorries.	30	0	0
E.				
	Personnel:			
1.	Two Medical Officers for 30 days @ Rs.10/- each.	600	0	)
2.	6 Drivers at Rs.4/- each.	720	0	)
3.	6 Cleaners at Rs.2/- each.	360	0	0
4.	24 Coolies at Rs.2/- each.	1440	0	0
5.	Contingent expenditure.	50	0	

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Personnel:(Contd.)			
Cost for [illegible]			
[illegible] - Rs.300/-. Hence cost for 30 days in 6 months.	9000	0	0
Total	16,960	0	0

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For Dt. Magistrate.

Public (C.D.) Department.

G.O.No. 2291 Dated 14-8-43

War - ARP - Scheme for the disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids - Mangalore town - Approved subject to remarks.
From the DCD.Roc.No.258/A8/43 dated 8-7-1943.

The Government approve of the scheme for the disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids in Mangalore town submitted by the D.C.D., Madras, with his letter read above subject to the following remarks.-

~~(a) Burial grounds:-- Trenches to hold 50 corpses~~ should be dug and kept ready in advance in each of the burial grounds as the scheme is based on the assumption that a maximum of 100 corpses may have to be disposed of in an air raid. After first and subsequent raids grave diggers may be employed and paid ~~out~~ at current rates.

(ii) Mortuary:-- The provision of Rs.2600 for two mortuaries and two office sheds is excessive. Temporary cheap thatched sheds should be sufficient. Rs. 1000 for both

(iii) Dettol:- Dettol supplied from the office of the DCD will suffice and the provision of Rs.150/- in the estimate should be omitted.

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(IV) Police Officer [illegible]:-- [illegible] will be shortage of Sub Inspectors in [illegible] it would be preferable to [illegible] for promotion if and when the [illegible] to operation [illegible] in the meantime.

(V) Medical Officers:- The question whether it is necessary that doctors should be present at mortuaries for the purpose of certifying as to the cause of death is under the consideration of the Govt. and orders xxx on this will follow immediately.

(VI) Separate messengers at Head quarters for service direct [illegible] are unnecessary. Messengers from [illegible] service should be used in an emergency in the event of telephone system breaking down.

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NOTE:- Please see the draft scheme for the disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids in Mangalore

— The D C D is informed that the Scheme as now approved should be treated only as a proper Scheme and that no expenditure should be incurred without

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The DCD, Mangalore
The D.M.O. of S.Kanara.
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town on pp.3-6 c.f.and the remarks of the D.C.D. thereon at pp.1-2 c.f. The scheme may be approved subject to the remarks in the draft. Items (i) to ~~(xi~~ (iv) of the remarks are based on the D.C.D.'s remarks. Item (~~iv~~ v) is still under consideration of Govt.and item (vi) is based on a recent decision in another file. The draft may be sent to Home, L.A., E.&.P.H. and Finance for acceptance.

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I do not see any point in digging graves in Rangalore now this should wait until the situation deteriorates.

~~It may also be considered whether people~~

In Colombo the C.D.C was very much against allowing people to bury their own dead publicly as he considered it had bad for morale. I should, however imagine that an order forbidding this would not be popular.

LO Submitted to C.S. for orders on the general question whether these schemes for the disposal of dead bodies in minor ARP towns (particularly on the East Coast) that have no military objective, should be anything more than paper schemes, not involving first in any expenditure on staff or materials. Schemes involving immediate expenditure may be confined to important sea coast towns on the Eastern Seaboard.

Agreed CS/Ag 7

So, there not an order already that nothing further shall be done at present regarding these schemes

I remember it in a file relating to the supply of factory orchards

GMW 15/7/43

The file referred to by C.S. is linked below.

LO 15/7/43 The latest paper re: Corpse disposal organisation is at (X). "In the Red Area this should stand & as at present generally". All the schemes relating to Corpse disposal in the ARP towns in the 'Red Area'

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immediate
involve expenditure on (1) construction of mortuary sheds (2) purchase of picks & shovels (3) digging of graves (4) masks Lifebuoys, lanterns, tarpaulins for lorries and handcarts, stationery registers etc.

I would suggest that no expenditure should be incurred on any of these items on the West Coast, MHP towns within the Red Area & that merely paper schemes be prepared for these towns as has been ordered for the Pink Area. The question may be re-examined the moment the situation tends to deteriorate.

I agree - but with I think it should be considered every month in any case

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Agreed

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Please see the orders on p 5 ante. with reg. to the orders a para has been added to the draft on pp 1-2 ante. Item (1) in para 1 of the draft has been omitted also.

2 The general orders in this file answer the D.C.D's query in the l.f. A draft reply to the D.C.D. is also subd. in the l.f.

The file may now be sent to D.C.D., Fin Home, L.A. & E & P.H. Conference for perusal of the draft letter issue.

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The file may now go to Fin Home, L.A. & E & P.H. as suggested above

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Hair C.A.C.S.A.

Please see the draft Scheme for disposal of dead bodies resulting from air raids in Bangalore on pp 3-6 C.F. the notes from p 3 ante and the orders in circulation on p 5 ante. The draft order, as modified on pp 1-2 ante may be accepted and the case passed on to Home Dn.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
5-AUG 1943
HOME DEPT.

Draft 2194 A&S-1
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Draft order as modified on pp 1-2 ante accepted in Home

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The order in circulation and the draft (as amended) on pp 1-2 above may be revised

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 AUG 1943
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The order in circulation on pages and the draft (as amended) on pages 1-2 above may be accepted and the file returned to Pub (C.D)

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Pub (C.D)

The draft on pp 1-2 ante may now issue.

14.8.43

A I has already been sent. No further action necessary.

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